

BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

In the Matter of

ARTHUR J. O'CONNOR, M.D.

Holder of License No. **6361**
For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine
In the State of Arizona.

Case No. MD-10-0988A and MD-10-1392A

**INTERIM ORDER FOR PRACTICE
RESTRICTION AND CONSENT TO SAME**

INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT

Arthur J. O'Connor, M.D., ("Respondent") elects to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal with respect to this Interim Order for Practice Restriction; admits the jurisdiction of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board"); and consents to the entry of this Order by the Board.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

2. Respondent is the holder of License No. 6361 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

3. On November 9, 2010, the Board received a complaint alleging that Respondent had inappropriately touched a female patient, while performing examinations on four occasions. An earlier complaint was received by the Board from another female patient who also alleged that the Respondent had inappropriately touched her during the course of an examination in April, 2010.

4. The Executive Director has consulted with investigative staff and the Board's medical consultant, who has reviewed the case and agrees that a consent agreement is appropriate.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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2 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over
3 Respondent.

4 2. The Executive Director may enter into a consent agreement with a physician
5 if there is evidence of danger to the public health and safety pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-
6 1405(C)(25) and § 32-1451(F); A.A.C. R4-16-504.

7 3. Based on the information in the Board's possession there is evidence that if
8 Respondent were to practice medicine in Arizona there would be a danger to the public
9 health and safety.

ORDER**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

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12 1. Respondent shall not practice clinical medicine or any medicine involving
13 direct patient care, and is prohibited from prescribing any form of treatment including
14 prescription medications, until Respondent applies to the Board and receives permission
15 to do so.

16 2. This is an interim order and not a final decision by the Board regarding the
17 pending investigative file and as such is subject to further consideration by the Board.

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19 DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 22nd day of November, 2010.

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22 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

23 (SEAL)

24 By Amadea Brich
25 for Lisa S. Wynn
Executive Director

CONSENT TO ENTRY OF INTERIM ORDER

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2 1. Respondent has read and understands this Interim Order for Practice
3 Restriction and Consent to the Same and the stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of
4 Law and Order ("Interim Order"). Respondent acknowledges he has the right to consult
5 with legal counsel regarding this matter.

6 2. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that this Interim Order is entered
7 into freely and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such
8 entry.

9 3. By consenting to this Interim Order, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any
10 rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to
11 challenge this Interim Order in its entirety as issued, and waives any other cause of action
12 related thereto or arising from said Interim Order.

13 4. The Interim Order is not effective until approved and signed by the
14 Executive Director.

15 5. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this
16 matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving
17 the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended
18 or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government
19 regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or
20 any other state or federal court.

21 6. Upon signing this Interim Order, and returning this document (or a copy
22 thereof) to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the consent to the
23 entry of the Interim Order. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document.
24 Any modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually
25 approved by the parties.

7. This Interim Order is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data Bank and on the Board's web site.

8. If any part of the Interim Order is later declared void or otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of the Interim Order in its entirety shall remain in force and effect.

9. Any violation of this Interim Order constitutes unprofessional conduct and may result in disciplinary action. A.R.S. § § 32-1401(27)(r) ("[v]iolating a formal order, probation, consent agreement or stipulation issued or entered into by the board or its executive director under this chapter") and 32-1451.

Arthur J. O'Connor
Arthur J. O'Connor, M.D.

DATED: 11/22/10

EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed
this 22nd day of November, 2010 to:

Arthur J. O'Connor, M.D.
Mailing Address of Record

ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed
this 22nd day of November, 2010 with:

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Shirley Rich
Arizona Medical Board Staff